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SUBJECT: PRESS COVERAGE OF PRESIDENT'S REPORT ON
INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING

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1. INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY: PRESIDENT'S REPORT ON
INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING HAS GENERATED CONSIDERABLE
PRESS COVERAGE IN BAVARIA, ESPECIALLY MUNICH, SITE OF
RFE/RL OPERATIONAL HEADQUARTERS. COVERAGE IS VERY MIS-
LEADING, PARTLY BECAUSE LETTER TRANSMITTING PRESIDENT'S
REPORT TO CONGRESS IS CONFUSING TO THE LAYMAN. END
SUMMARY.

2. MARCH 24 ISSUE OF MUNICH'S "MERKUR" CARRIES PROMINENT
FRONT-PAGE ARTICLE ENTITLED "USA IMPROVES MUNICH RADIO
STATIONS DIRECTED TOWARD EAST: CARTER (CALLS FOR)
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ADDITIONAL INSTALLATION TO OFFSET JAMMING ATTEMPTS."
ARTICLE, WHOSE TEXT VARIES SLIGHTLY FROM EDITION TO
EDITION, IS BASED ON AP STORY DATED WASHINGTON.
ARTICLE MISLEADS AND CONFUSES READER IN THREE WAYS:
(A) IT CAN BE READ AS IMPLYING THAT AT LEAST SOME AND
PERHAPS ALL 16 TRANSMITTERS WILL BE LOCATED IN THE
FRG; (B) IT DOES NOT REPEAT NOT MAKE CLEAR DISTINCTION

BETWEEN TRANSMITTERS AND SITES AND COULD, THEREFORE, GIVE READERS IMPRESSION THAT PRESIDENT MAY BE ASKING CONGRESS FOR 16 ADDITIONAL SITES; (C) VERSION CARRIED IN ONE EDITION OF PAPER IS SELF-CONTRADICTIONARY; IT QUOTES "CONCLUSION" NO. 4 FROM PRESIDENT'S MARCH 22 LETTER TRANSMITTING REPORT TO CONGRESS. (CONCLUSION SAYS THAT "EXTENDING BIB INTERNATIONAL-BROADCASTING TYPE TRANSMISSIONS TO OTHER NATIONS WHERE ACCESS TO INFORMATION IS RESTRICTED WOULD BE HIGHLY IMPRACTICAL FOR A VARIETY OF REASONS.") IN CONTEXT OF ARTICLE, "OTHER NATIONS" APPEAR TO BE USSR AND EE COUNTRIES, AND AS CONSEQUENCE, PRESIDENT'S REPORT SEEMS SELF-CONTRADICTIONARY.

3. MARCH 24 "SUEDEDEUTSCHE ZEITUNG" CARRIES SHORT INSIDE-PAGE STORY WHICH IS ALSO SOMEWHAT MISLEADING. THIS STORY ALSO IMPLIES THAT ALL 16 NEW TRANSMITTERS MAY BE DESTINED FOR FRG.

4. PASSAU'S "NEUE PRESSE," WHICH HAS CONSIDERABLE READERSHIP IN EASTERN BAVARIAN BORDER AREA, ALSO CARRIES SHORT, CONFUSING ARTICLE ON MARCH 24.

5. RECOMMENDATION: DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO ALERT AP TO FACT THAT "CONCLUSION NO. 4" OF PRESIDENT'S MARCH 22 LETTER TO CONGRESS CAN BE MISLEADING UNLESS READ IN CONTEXT OF REPORT ITSELF. BETTS

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